CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Agricultural Summary

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week. Temperatures were similar to last week's, with Montana's high temperatures mostly in the low 80's to low 90's, Broadus had the state's highest temperature of 94 degrees, while Wolf Point had the state's lowest temperature of 24 degrees. There was precipitation throughout the state, with Helena receiving the largest amount of rainfall at 1.28 inches. Montana's forecast for the week of October 4th through October 10th shows normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal temperatures for this period range from highs in the upper 50's to upper 60's and lows from the middle 20's to the lower 40's.

Soil Moisture Condition Table							
st ar	5-yr. Avg.						
45	33						
34	40						
19	27						
2	0						
59	45						
33	37						
7	18						
1	0						
	59						

Field Crops and Livestock Report

Another mild week allowed producers to continue harvest across the state but rains over the last several weeks have slowed harvest. Winter wheat is 66 percent seeded and 14 percent emerged, which is ahead of last year and the five-year average. Spring wheat is 88 percent harvested, which is behind last year and the five-year average. Durum wheat is 95 percent turning, 73 percent ripe, and 60 percent harvested, which is still way behind last year. Barley is 97 percent harvested, which is 3 percentage points behind last year. Oats are 94 percent harvested, which is behind last year and the five-year average. The second cutting of Alfalfa hay and other hay is currently at 96 percent and 85 percent complete, respectively.

Crop Stages Table

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	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	66	44	45	47
Emerged	14	3	1	10
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	88	84	100	95
Durum Wheat				
Turning	95	94	100	N/A
Ripe	73	63	100	N/A
Harvested	60	51	100	N/A
Barley				
Harvested	97	94	100	97
Oats				
Harvested	94	89	100	97
Corn				
Harvested for Silage	51	18	89	76
Dry Beans				
Harvested	73	45	95	75
Potatoes				
Harvested	18	8	17	14
Sugar Beets				
Harvested	3	0	4	9
Hay - Second Cutting				
Alfalfa Hay	96	92	100	97
Other Hay	85	81	98	76
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Livestock Table

	This	Last	Last	5-yr.	
	Week	Week	Year	Avg.	
Range & Pasture Fee	d Condition				
Very poor	23	21	39	28	
Poor	25	26	35	32	
Fair	34	33	21	25	
Good	15	16	5	13	
Excellent	3	4	0	2	
Movement From Sum	mer Ranges				
Cattle & Calves	33	25	39	41	
Sheep & Lambs	36	28	44	45	

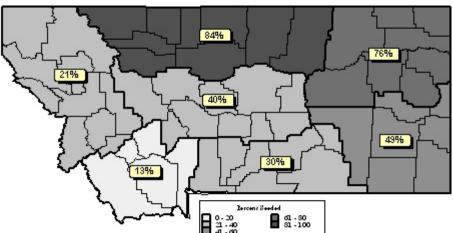
Range and pasture feed condition decreased slightly this week, due to warmer temperatures. Ranchers continue moving cattle & calves as well as sheep & lambs from summer ranges. Movement of livestock from summer ranges is behind last year's averages.

Crop Condition Table

	This	Last	Last
	Week	Week	Year
Sugar Beet - Condition			
Very Poor	12	14	0
Poor	18	18	3
Fair	39	41	18
Good	30	26	37
Excellent	1	1	42
Potatoes - Condition			
Very Poor	0	0	0
Poor	1	2	0
Fair	7	8	8
Good	44	46	65
Excellent	48	44	27

Winter Wheat Seeded

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Weather Information Table For Week Ending 6:00 n.m. MST. September 25, 2004 1/

		MPERATU					RECIPITAT		ahar 1 0000 t 1) oto
STATION		PAST WEEK		Past	-	oril 1, 2004 to Dat			ober 1, 2003 to I	
	High	Low	Avg.	Week	Total 2/	Normal 3/	% Name of	Total 2/	Normal 3/	% Name al
NODTHINEOT		Degrees		ln.	<u>Ir</u>	nches	Normal	Inches		Normal
NORTHWEST	70	24	40	0.55	0.07	7.00	400	40.50	10.10	400
Drummond Hamilton	76 72	31 39	48 51	0.55 0.38	9.67 8.81	7.92 7.45	122 118	13.59 13.59	12.43 13.36	109 102
Kalispell	71	30	49	0.32	10.08	9.22	109	16.47	17.01	97
Libby	M	М	M	М	M	M	М	М	M	N
Missoula	72	34	50	0.28	12.27	7.91	155	16.95	13.64	124
Polson Superior	68 76	38 36	51 53	0.55 0.24	9.07 11.28	9.50 8.09	95 139	14.16 17.36	15.93 16.40	89 106
Thompson Falls	M	36 M	M	0.24 M	11.20 M	6.09 M	139 M	17.30 M	16.40 M	N
West Glacier	67	32	49	0.44	M	M	M	M	M	N
NORTH CENTRAL						J.	'	,		
Chester	77	35	52	0.60	7.58	8.06	94	8.91	10.44	85
Choteau	79	32	51	0.59	М	M	M	М	M	N
Conrad	67	30	49	M	M	M	M	М	M	N
Cut Bank	80	30	53	0.39	6.50	9.87	66	7.17	12.31	58
Ft. Benton Gold Butte	74 79	36 34	52 52	M 0.69	M 9.37	M 10.33	M 91	M 12.92	M 13.45	M 96
Harlem	79	30	52	0.69	8.61	8.85	97	11.67	11.31	103
Havre	80	36	54	0.55	10.26	8.18	125	11.30	11.29	100
Malta	83	34	56	0.60	8.74	9.73	90	12.28	12.68	97
Shelby	83	28	51	0.00	M	M	M	M	М	N
Turner Valier	79 78	31 36	54 53	0.50 0.48	12.98 7.97	8.79 9.72	148 82	17.28 9.96	11.04 12.03	157 83
NORTHEAST	10	30	53	0.46	7.97	9.72	02	9.90	12.03	0.0
Culbertson	89	30	57	0.08	9.25	10.65	87	12.70	13.33	95
Glasgow	83	32	57	0.00	9.55	8.52	112	12.70	11.07	109
Glendive	92	38	60	0.31	9.61	10.18	94	12.30	13.38	92
Jordan	85	26	53	M	M	М	M	M	M	N
Plentywood	83	26	52	0.10	M	M	M	M	M	N
Scobey Sidney	86 87	24 37	53 57	0.00 0.24	8.60 7.50	10.07 10.59	85 71	12.59 11.44	12.33 14.06	102 81
Wolf Point	85	24	54	0.24	7.39	9.14	81	11.13	11.78	94
`CENTRAL									-	
Cascade	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	N
Flatwillow	82	31	56	0.17	7.20	9.68	74	14.06	13.14	107
Great Falls	77	36	51	1.19	11.92	10.30	116	13.07	14.69	89
Harlowton	80	28	51	0.20	7.22	10.54	69	9.62	13.89	69
Helena Lewistown	76 81	36 29	51 48	1.28 0.43	10.40 8.86	8.02 12.37	130 72	12.09 12.50	11.15 17.62	108 71
Melstone	M	M	M	0.43 M	0.00 M	12.57 M	M	12.50 M	17.02 M	N
Roundup	85	28	55	0.04	6.93		71	9.62	13.04	74
Stanford	82	33	51	0.30	8.51	12.45	68	13.02	16.89	77
White Sulphur Spr	76	31	48	0.56	10.17	9.43	108	12.24	13.02	94
SOUTHWEST				2.40			4.40		10.10	
Anaconda Belgrade	77 77	31 32	48 48	0.49 0.70	9.91 11.52	8.80 9.82	113 117	14.59 14.17	13.19 14.47	11 ² 98
Beigrade Bozeman MSU	70	32	48 48	0.70	11.52		101	14.17	18.99	102
Butte	74	26	45	0.62	9.78	8.85	111	11.22	12.60	89
Dillon	77	31	48	0.72	8.95	8.60	104	10.37	11.47	90
Ennis	77	33	48	0.56	6.61	9.49	70	11.15	13.38	83
Wisdom	71	25	43	0.78	10.86	7.69	141	14.77	11.74	126
SOUTH CENTRAL	04	25		0.00	7.00	0.00	0.5	44.50	44 55	7/
Billings Gardiner	81 77	35 30	55 51	0.29 0.32	7.92 7.86	9.36 6.53	85 120	11.53 9.26	14.55 9.70	79 95
Hardin	90	34	58	0.32	7.63	7.87	97	10.64	11.86	90
Livingston	79	34	50	0.41	9.64	11.01	88	12.37	15.48	80
Rapelje	82	30	54	М	M	M	М	M	M	N
Red Lodge	73	26	48	0.19	9.16	14.23	64	12.89	23.42	55
SOUTHEAST			1							-
Baker	80	34	53 57	0.12	9.79	10.41	94	12.76	14.15	90
Broadus Ekalaka	94 88	33 35	57 55	0.19 0.12	7.57 7.48	9.32 12.14	81 62	9.78 12.05	13.42 17.00	7; 7 [.]
Miles City	81	36	56	0.12	7.46	9.77	73	9.38	13.29	7

1/ Data from National Weather Service. 2/ May be revised weekly. 3/ For period 1971-2000. M-More than 25% of reporting days are missing.

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